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Commissioner William J. Ellinger
Commissioner Gary S. Benton
Commissioner John R. Sullivan
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25 Adams Avenue
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Dear Commissioners Ellinger, Benton and Sullivan:

As you know, a hot spot from the Grumman plume has been identified near the Bethpage Water District Plant 6. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has directed the Navy, one of the Responsible Parties for this contamination, to address the finding as required by the Operable Unit 2 Record of Decision for the Grumman site.

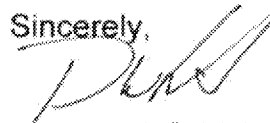
The use of Bethpage Water District Well 6-2 may be a viable part of the solution to this problem. As such, the Navy as you also know, has proposed a pilot test to determine whether or not this well can capture a significant part of the contaminated groundwater comprising this hot spot. DEC appreciates your conceptual agreement to participate with the Navy in the pilot test. We are hoping to see the rapid completion of contractual arrangements to allow the testing to proceed.

I understand that the Navy's consultant has, on several occasions since late June, sent the documents necessary to reimburse the Water District for the operation of this well, and to date no response has been received. DEC is aware that impending work to upgrade the treatment will occur on Well 6-2 later this year, which will require it to be shut down for an extended time. The pilot test needs to be completed before this shutdown occurs. It is DEC's opinion that the ability to undertake this pilot test using Well 6-2 will allow a timely determination to be made on a course of action to address the hot spot. But until the pilot test is completed, a solution to addressing the hot spot cannot be finalized.

Accordingly, I encourage the District to complete the necessary paper work and any other procedural requirements as soon as possible to enable this important component of the cleanup to begin.

I appreciate your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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